

**ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a cosmetic composition for keratin fibers such as the hair, comprising at least one branched sulphonic polyester and at least one conditioning agent chosen from the group comprising non-volatile silicones, cationic or amphoteric polymers and cationic or amphiphilic surfactants. The invention is also directed towards a process for treating keratin fibers such as the hair, in particular a process for fixing and/or holding the hairstyle using the said composition, as well as to the use of this composition in or for the manufacture of a cosmetic hair-styling formulation.

The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned representative, at 202-408-6020 if she has any further questions. If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Communication, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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